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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES GRANT FUNDING FOR HOUSING RENOVATION IN MORTON

Morton, Texas, March 12, 2003--Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director, USDA Rural Development today announced that South Plains Regional Housing Authority was awarded a \$508,617 Farm Labor Housing loan and grant. Rural Housing Service, an agency that falls under the USDA Rural Development mission area, administers programs designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. Through its support of the sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural America.

"USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide farm labor housing funding for rural Texans," said Daniel. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

USDA funds will be used to rehabilitate, Morton Meadows, a 20-unit labor housing low-income project in Morton, Texas. The rehabilitation will correct deferred maintenance, convert one unit to handicap accessible, and will provide other greatly needed improvements, which will benefit the tenants.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the USDA Local Service Center in Lubbock at (806) 785-5644, ext. 4.

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The USDA Rural Development mission area was created in 1994 and includes the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's 53 million rural people.

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